

Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning
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Frequently Asked Questions:

When do I need a permit?

In unincorporated Kendall County a building permit is required for any and all structures.

Homes
Additions
Remodeling
Plumbing
Electrical
Accessory Buildings (includes all size sheds)
Garages
Decks
Pools
Signs
Demolition
Communication Towers
Moving or raising a structure
Driveway
Change of Occupancy

Do I need a permit for a fence?

A permit is not required but there are guidelines that you need to be aware of:

1. Only decorative fences, which do not exceed three (3) feet in height, are allowed in a required front yard.

2. Semi-solid and solid fences, which do not exceed six (6) feet in height, are allowed to the side and rear of the principal structures with the finished side out.
3. Fences may be placed up to a property line provided that fences shall not encroach into right-of-ways.
4. Except in the R-1 District, barbed wire and aboveground electric fences shall not be located in any Residential District or residential platted subdivision. The use of underground electric fences to contain domestic pets is permitted in any District.

When will my permit be ready?

Typically a permit request can be processed in 10 to 15 working days. If during the process any information is found to be missing or additional information is needed, your request will be put on hold until such time the information is received. During "peak" building times, your request may take longer due to the volume of applications. You will be informed of that when you apply for your permit.

Do I need a permit to re-shingle or re-side my existing house?

When the pitch of the roof will be modified or trusses replaced a permit will then be required. No permit is required for a basic re-shingling or re-siding.

What codes are in effect in Kendall County?

International Building Code 2006
International Residential Code 2006, & Appendix F & Appendix G
National Electric Code 2005
Illinois State Plumbing Code 2004
International Mechanical Code 2006